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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: ZULIA COAL LABORATORY

REF: STATE 298898; CARACAS 14047

1. RE STATE REFTEL, CORPOZULIA SEEKS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM ENGINEERING FIRMS INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR FULL COAL LABORATORY. PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY WILL BE COMPLETED MID JANUARY, AND FORMAL INVITATIONS TO BID ON FEASIBILITY STUDY EXPECTED IN FEBRUARY.

2. EISENBAU ESSEN EXECUTING STUDY OF ZULIA COAL PROPERTIES ON SITE AND IN ITS EUROPEAN FACILITIES. THIS ROLE DOES NOT APPEAR TO GUARANTEE AUTOMATIC AWARD OF LAB CONTRACT. CURRENT PARTICIPATION MAY, IN FACT, REDUCE GERMAN FIRM'S CHANCES AS CORPOZULIA HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CONTRACTING MORE THAN ONE COMPANY TO WORK ON PROJECT OF THIS MAGNITUDE. OVERALL COAL PROJECT INCLUDES COAL LABORATORY, RAILROAD AND LOADING FACILITIES REPORTED CARACAS 14054, COKING FACILITIES, SURVEY OF DEPOSIT, DETERMINATION OF COKING CHARACTERISTICS, ALTERNATIVE MINING METHODS, ETC.

3. PHASE ONE OF LAB PROJECT WILL BE 1000 SQUARE METERS FACILITY WITH WORK AREA FOR A STAFF OF 30/40 TECHNICIANS. HOWEVER, CORPOZULIA WISHES TO SET UP SMALL INTERIM LABORATORY IN A RENTED OR PURCHASED HOUSE. CORPOZULIA MUST BUY EQUIPMENT FOR THIS TEMPORARY UNIT. FOR THIS FACILITY, CORPOZULIA IS EXPECTED TO NEED: SMALL OVENS, DILATOMETERS, SOLID DENSITY MEASURING DEVICES, MASS SPECTROMETERS, EXPECTOMERS, CLORIMETERS, SMALL UNCLASSIFIED

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GRINDERS, SEMI INDUSTRIAL COKE OVEN, AND OTHER DEVICES TO DETERMINE

THE PHYSICAL AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF COKE. CATALOGS  
AND OFFERS WELCOME. (ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACCEPTABLE). THERE  
WILL PROBABLY BE NO FORMAL BIDDING ON THESE ITEMS.

4. INTERESTED SUPPLIERS SHOULD CONTACT ASAP:

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CHEMICAL ENGINEER  
CENTRO DE INVESTIGACION NACIONAL DE CARBON  
CORPOZULIA  
EDIFICIO CAJA POPULAR DE OCCIDENTE  
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APARTADO 1153  
MARACAIBO, ZULIA, VENEZUELA  
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5. ING. VAN DER REE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TAKING TOUR OF  
US. COAL LABORATORIES AT LATER DATE. POST AND CONSULATE HOPE  
TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN FACILITATING HIS TRIP IN NEAR FUTURE AND  
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON US. LABS OF THIS  
TYPE.

6. ABOVE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM US. CONSUL JAMES CASON,  
MARACAIBO.  
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